Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Guwahati

375. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to introduce Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Guwahati thrice a week;

(b) whether the Rajdhani Express is also proposed to be introduced between New Dehli and Bhubaneshwar thrice a week;

(c) if so, the date from which the above proposal is expected to be implemented; and

(d) the steps taken in the above direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) to (d) Frequency of 2423/2424 New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express has been increased from weekly to tri-weekly w.e.f. 26-1-1996.

However, there is no proposal at present to increase the frequency of 2421/2422 New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express.

Conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge

376. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of destinations between which the work relating to Conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge was proposed during 1993-94 State-wise;

(b) the destinations where such conversion was completed before 31st December, 1994 or has already been completed;

(c) the destinations where such conversions are likely to be done during 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) The following new gauge conversion works were taken up in 1993-94:

S.No.	Name of the Section	Length/kms	State
1.	Rewari-Bhatinda	300	Harayana/Punjab
2.	Jodhpur-Jaisalmer	297	Rajasthan
3.	Luni-Marwar	72	Rajasthan
4.	Lumding-Dibrugarh	769	Assam
5.	Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad	572	Rajasthan/Gujarat
6.	Neemuch-Ratlam	135	M.P./Rajasthan

(b) and (c) The details of the sections converted into BG during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and those targetted to be completed during 1996-97 are as under:

S.No.	Name of the Section	Length Kms
	Year 1993-94	
1.	Bhatinda-Hissar	157
2.	Jaipur-Phulera	55

S.No.	Name of the Section	Length/Kms
3.	Phulera-Jodhpur	261
4.	Tumkur-Arasikere	101
5.	Arisikere-Chickjajur	114
6.	Narsaraopet-Donakonda	75
7.	Secunderabad-Mehboobagar	127
8.	Madras-Tambaram	27
9.	Chickjajur-Chitradurg	16
10.	Jalna-Parbhani	116
11.	Gondia-Arjuni	82
12.	Secunderabad-Bolarum	14
13.	Allahabad-Varanasi	126
14.	Guwahati-Lumding	181
15.	Mehmoodabad-Sitapur	60
16.	Merta Rd-Merta City	15
17.	Daund-Baramati	42
18.	Lalkuan-Kathgodam	29
19.	Patel Nagar-Sarai Rohilla	3
20.	Durgapur-Jaipur	8
21.	Mysore-Ashok Puram	5
22.	Lucknow-Manaknagar	5
	TOTAL:	1619
	Year 1994-95	
1.	Hissar-Rewari	143
2.	Phulera-Ajmer	81
3.	Rewari-Jaipur	225
4.	Mehsana-Khodiyar	52
5.	Delhi Cantt-DLI/NDLS	14
6.	Jodhpur-Jaisalmer	295
7.	Chickjajur-Harihar	60
8.	Harihar-Hubli	129
9.	Hubli-Londa	93
10.	Londa-Miraj	188
11.	Birur-Shimoga	63
12.	Hubli-Gadag-Harlapur	78
13.	Alnavar-Amedwadi	26
14.	Donakonda-Giddalur	84
15.	Chickjajur-Chitradurg	18
16.	Parbhani-Purna	29
17.	Purana-Nanded	32
18.	Arjuni-Wadsa	23
19.	Muzaffarpur-Raxaul	129
20.	Lumding-Nailalung	22
21.	Chapermukh-Haibargaon	21
	TOTAL:	1805

S.No.	Name of the Section	Length/Kms
	Year 1995-96	
1.	Harlapur-Hospet	67
2.	Hospet-Swamihalli	60
3.	Londa-Castlerock	25
4.	Mudkhed-Nanded	23
5.	Nailalung-Dimapur	38
6.	Yellahanka-Chickballapur	46
7.	Makrana-Parbatsar	21
8.	Samastipur-Darbhanga	37
	TOTAL:	317
	Works in Progress, targetted to be completed by 31.3.96	
1.	Chhindwara-Parasia	28
2.	Gunda Road-Kottur	50
3.	Giddalur-Nandyal	69
4.	Wadsa-Nagbir	28
5.	Aurnihar-Chhapra	171
6.	Dimapur-furkating	70
7.	Yashwantpur-Hosur	46
8.	Guwahati-Kamakhaya	7
	TOTAL:	469
	Year 1996-97	
1.	Marwar-Palanpur	218
2.	Ajmer-Marwar	140
3.	Guntakal-Nandyal	136
4.	Mehboobnagar-Dronachelam	185
5.	Nagbir-Chandafort	115
6.	Furkating-Tinsukia	195
7.	Tinsukia-Lekhapani	63
8.	Castle Rock-Vasco	87
9.	Tinsukia-Dibrugarh	48
10.	Bangarpet-Kolar	16
11.	Adilabad-Mudkhed	162 BOLT
12.	Agra-Bandikui	151 BOLT
13.	Jodhpur-Marwar	103 BOLT
14.	Achnera-Mathura	35 BOLT
15.	Wankaner-Maliya-Miyana	89 BOLT
16.	Mau-Shahganj	99
17.	Hotgi-Bijapur	97
	TOTAL:	1939

(d) The funds allotted for the purpose since 1993-94 are as under:

1993-94	Rs. 756 crores
1994-95	Rs. 1005 crores
1995-96	Rs. 873 crores
	+Rs. 265 crores (BOLT)

Visits Made by incharge of Kidwai Nagar CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensary

377. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE by pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Incharge of Kidwai Nagar CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensary has been visiting the differant dispensaries as a spacialist;

(b) the names of the dispensaries and the timings of the visits of the spacialist; and

(c) by when Government propose to send specialists from Hospitals as per practice in the Allopathic Dispensaries instead of the Incharge of the Ayurvedic Dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given in the statement. *(See* below)

(c) As no post of specialist has been sanctioned in the hospitals under Indian System of Medicine (ISM) in CGHS, Delhi, it is not possible to send specialists from the hospital.

Statement

Name of the Dispy/ Units	*Timings*
1. R.K. Puram Ayurvdic Disp., Sector XII.	9.00 AM to 11.00 AM (Every Wednesday)
2. Delhi Cantt. Ayurvedic Unit	9.00 AM to 11.00 AM (Every Friday)
3. Kidwai Nagar Ayurvedic Dispensary	7.30 AM to 1.30 PM (Every Monday) Also consultation to beneficiari covered under M.B. Road, Ayurvedic Unit.

Recruitment of Air-Hostesses in Air India

378. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a written test was held on 21st August, 1994 for recruitment to the posts of Air Hostesses in Air India;

(b) if so, the number of candidates who have passed the written test.

(c) the number of candidates selected for the said posts so far:

(d) whether any panel has also been prepared; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to recruit more candidates against the posts, in near future, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. 2227 candidates passed the written test.

(c) to (e) Further action on the selection process was stopped in view of the constitution of a Committee by the Government to recommend changes in the pre-entry qualifications and methodology of recruitment. Air India proposes to consider the applicants who responded to its Advertisement in May, 1994 in accordance with the revised selection process recommended by the Committee.